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Declaration and Power of Attorney For Patent Application

English Language Declaration

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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled
LOW DIELECTRIC CONSTANT MATERIAL REINFORCEMENT FOR IMPROVED ELECTROMIGRATION RELIABILITY

the specification of which

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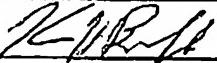
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